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THE OBSERVATOR.

rks on Her Majesties most Gracious Letter to the Parliament of Scotland. *Of the Fo- n News, and the Confusion of* England's *Enemies thereat. Some Remarks on the* Paris *zette, in relation to the late Victory in* Germany.

From Saturday July the 22d, to Wednesday July the 26th, 1704.

WHAT News Honest *Country-man?* Thou look'st Merrily.

Country-m. I have brought you Queens Gazette, and in it Her Majesties most ious Letter to the Parliament of *Scotland.* ssure you your Friends at *London* cry up Letter at a wonderful Rate; and the *Jaco-* and *Nonjurors* they pish at it, and say 'twill to nothing. Pray, Sir, your Opinion?

f. 'Tis the best Pen'd of any thing of this re, that I have Read, since Her Majesties ssion to the Throne, it is very happily wor- but above all, it contains such Assurances oyal Affection and Favour, such Cogent ons for the States of *Scotland*'s complying Her Majesties Just and Equitable Desires, as the High Commissioner says in his Speech e Parliament, *It is now in their Power to themselves and their Posterity happy.*

untry-m. Pray, Master *Observator*, let me a little of this Business of *Scotland*; abun- e of People wonder that the *Scots* have not ed the Succession, as we have done in *Eng-* Pray what are the Reasons of this Failure, may so call it?

f. I have formerly entertain'd you with a Discourse of the Nature of the *Scots* Govern- and Constitution, and of the Free-Birth- ts and Priviledges of its People. I know l be an Invidious Subject for me to enter on Reasons why the *Scots* have not Settled the ession on the House of *Hannover*, because, per- my Notions in this Point are something un- mon, and may be suppos'd to Reflect on the agement of some great persons that have been, e Employ'd in the Ministry; but if I ad- e a Notion that is consistent with Reason, and call in, for Evidence, known Matter of Fact ack that Notion, I hope I shall be esteem'd sable by all Men of Sense and Integrity.

is an Eternal Truth, and a Fundamental ciple, that all Governments must be sup- ed by the same Reasons of Policy on which are Founded, the Body Politick resembling Body Natural, which subsists, and is main- ed in Life and Motion by those very Ele- ts of which it is Composed.

he Ministers in a Government must be such e entirely in the Interest of that Government rinciple; they must not be such as come in- Government as Rats and Mice do into *Cheese*, at and Devour, and fill their own Paunches; must not be such as are *Occasional Confor-* to the Government of Queen *Ann*, with Re- s for the Court of St. *Germains*; if so, its Ene- will be Encouraged, the *Legitimate Children* e *Common-Wealth* will be *Bastardiz'd*, and the *ne* it self will sink under the weight of its nded Supporters.

hat ever the Determinations of others may this Point, 'tis my fix'd Opinion, That the ouragement given to the Enemies of the Go- vernment in *Scotland*, has been the occasion of the late horrid Plot against Her Majesty and Government, and the *Grand Remora* to the Set- tling of the Succession in that Kingdom.

Immediately upon Her Majesties happy Ac- cession to the Throne, those *Catterpillers*, the *Scots Nonjurant Clergy*, by some Interest or other, ap- proach'd the Royal Presence by an Address, which I wish had never been Printed in the *Ga- zette.* In this Address they have the Impudence to Solicit Her Majesties Royal Bounty.

This you'll say must seem very odd. It is in Effect coming to Her Majesty with these Words, *Madam, We are a sort of People that Disown Your Right to the Throne, we will upon no Terms comply with Your Government, or own You to be our Lawful Sove- raign, we are in the Interest of the Prince at St.* Germains, *whom we design to set up, by Depos'ing Your self, and in Order thereunto we beseech Your Royal Bounty.*

I never heard that Her Majesty did extend Her Charity to these People; but certain it is, every Penny of Mony they are Masters of, by Princi- ple and Hatred to Her Majesties Person and Government, they are obliged to use against Her Majesties Interest.

Upon this they grew exstream Impudent; they sent their Emissaries into all the parts of *England* and *Scotland*, as well as beyond the Seas, to work against the present Settlement; they let fly their Libels as thick as Hail. *Lesly*, and some others, were appointed for this purpose in *England*, where they continually Publish'd and Printed against the Revolution, and the *Hannover* Succession: *Irish-Papists*, and *Scots-Nonjurants*, have employ'd the Presses in *England*, and have had the Impu- dence to Dedicate a Book to Her Majesty, Writ- ten against Herself and the Protestant Succession, and in Vindicating of the Prince at St. *Germains*.

We can attribute this to nothing but the En- couragement they met with by the *Non-Prose- cution* of their Books and Authors; and the plea- sure they had in seeing the Tables turn'd on the Protestants, who Wrote in the Vindication of Her Majesties Right against them.

You may very well remember, at a time when the Town was cloy'd with Books, Written against the Government, by *Papists*, and *Scots Nonjurors*, that I was Prosecuted at the *Old Bai- ly* for Writing against them, and telling my Countrey-men of the Numbers of *Papists* come in- to *Scotland*, to Plot against Her Majesty, of which I had certain Intelligence, and which afterwards prov'd true.

You may remember how at that Time, when I had discover'd a Club of *Papists* in *Black-Fry- ars*, who were entered into an Association, and rais'd Money for ends unknown, That *Robert Stephens*, the Queens Messenger to the Press, Soli- cited with the Secretary of State on behalf of those *Papists*.

What

What Encouragement must it be to the Enemies of the Government, to find the Author of the *Exorbitant Grants* of King *William* III. at Liberty, soon after his Writing, and Publishing of that Book; when before that, he was a Prisoner in the *Queens-Bench*, under a Fine for a Libel he had Writ against King *William*.

What Encouragement is it to these People to find me Prosecuted by the Attorney General, for Vindicating the Revolution; by which, we got a Protestant Queen, and a Protestant Succession. When since the Information against me, the *Nonjurors* have Written several Books against both, and no Notice taken of them.

This Treatment of the Queens Friends, and this Encouragement given to the Queens Enemies, must needs be a great prejudice to the Queens Interest, by putting Her People into Doubts and Jealousies: What can the *Scots* think of Settling the Succession, when the Malignant *Nonjuring* Party of their own Country, shall retire into *England*, and there Print and Publish against the Succession with Impunity? If *Englishmen* will be on their own side, if they will Prosecute their Enemies and not their Friends; if they will Countenance such as are in Her Majesties Interest, and Friends to the Protestant Succession, it may be hoped that *Scotland* will make no Demurer in Settling the Succession: A bare Act of Parliament will not do the Business, without putting that Act in Execution. If we would indeed Settle the Succession, we must do it *Removendo prohibens*, by removing those Obstacles that hinder it, those Men that are in the Interest of St. *Germains*. We must Punish such as Write against it, and not such as Write for it. ——— I shall discourse more of this at another opportunity; at present let's hear what our People do beyond Sea.

Country-m. Master *Observator*, the People at *London* say you are a very Hard-Hearted Man, the poor *Jacks* and *High-Flyers* are pining themselves, and yet you make continual Enquiries of your *Country-man* about the great News from *Germany*, why certainly you have a mind to Dead-do those poor Fellows by Insulting of 'em.

Obs. I have Read of a Famous *Satyrist* that carried so sharp an Edge with his Pen, that by one *Lampoon*, he so Irritated his chief Enemy, that he Hang'd himself, I hope none of those People have done so.

Country-m. You hope so! You are grown such a Courtier too! When I am sure you are so far from hoping such a thing, that you would be glad all the Enemies of Queen *Ann* would Hang themselves.

Obs. No indeed, I had rather they would repent of the Injuries they have done to the best of Queens, and the best Constitution of Government under the Heavens.

Country-m. Ay, I would have 'em Repent first, and then Hang themselves, you know, as *Judas* did. But, Master *Observator*, you never saw such confounded work as this Duke of *Marlborough* has done in *England*, the *French* King's silly People, the *Nonjurors* and *Perkinites*, are so Sick of the Pouts and Sullens, that I am afraid another Dose of *Schellenbergh* Physick will make 'em Vomit out their Intrails; I don't think we shall have enough of 'em left to preserve the Species, I would fain get a Cock and a Hen *Perkinite* to keep in a Coop for a Breed, that the next Age may see what Monsters this Age has pro

Obs. As long as we have *Owls* and *Bu* and Birds of Prey, as *Kites* and *Hawks* w have something to Represent 'em by to Po But is not their Fit of Melancholy yet o

Country m. No, over Quotha, every Pos 'em to the Heart; And yet every *Paris G* brings 'em over some Crumbs of *Comfort*, dance of Lies, but they, are like Parson *L* every one may see thro' 'em.

The *Paris Gazette* tells them (for it is w only to such as have lost their Understan that the Duke of *Marlborough* lost, near *Don* I can't tell how many Thousand Men, b certain a great many Thousand more th had in the Action, were kill'd; now how can *French* Fellows tell how many Men we ha led in that Fight, when they run away would not stay to tell their own Men?

They further say, in their *Legend*, call'd *zette*, that the Duke of *Marlborough* had very Advantagious Proprosals to the Elec *Bavaria* since the Battle, and that he has him, in the Name of the Emperor, and the of *Great Britain*, to put him in Possession of Conquests in *Germany*. What do you think of

Obs. I think as you do, 'tis a falsehood, a Political *Lewis* is sensible of the Wound given him by the *Marlborough*, and that the Wound is Incurable, that longer able to keep *Bavaria* in his Interest, and there tells his Slaves, who are to know nothing of the Truth reign Occurrences, that the Allies are about pur a Peace with *Bavaria*, when indeed the Condition Elector is so mean, that he must accept of any Term the Emperour.

But how absurd a thing is it to imagine that the *Marlborough*, from the Queen of *England* and the Em should offer to put that Elector in Possession of his Co in *Germany*, which would be an Encouragement to Piracies, and would show Aspiring Tyrants the way to Neighbours; when every Body knows that the Foundat this Confederacy, the very End and Design thereof, is duce the *Exorbitant Power* of *France*, to make that King what he has Usurp'd from his Neighbours, and there maintain the Ballance of *Europe*. ——— The next Post, will adjust this Affair.

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